A Worm's Waking

This is how a human being can change.

There is a worm

Addicted to eating grape leaves.

Suddenly, he wakes up,

Call it grace, whatever, something -

Wakes him, and he is no longer a worm.

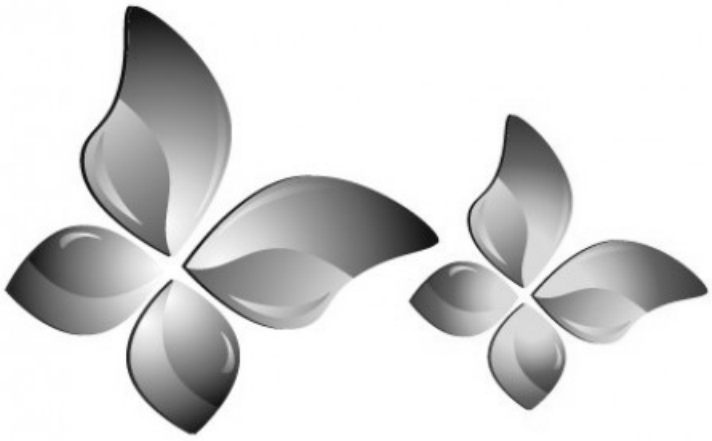
He is the entire vineyard,

And the orchard too, the fruit, the trunks,

A growing wisdom and joy

That does not need to devour.

Rumi, circa 13 AD.



When a worm dies to slavery the butterfly is free.....